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VILLAGES WRECKED, 400 KILLED IN BIG EARTHQUAKE

All Italy Stunned By Terrible Disaster In Calabria.

NEARLY 600 ON LIST OF INJURED

Vast Destruction of Property and Frightful Suffering Among People.

MEN AND WOMEN, IN TERROR, CALLED ON SAINTS

Rushed Madly Into Streets Carrying Screaming Children in Arms—Terrified Prisoners in Jails Mutinied—Government Sending Relief Trains.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, September 8.—All Italy is suffering from terrible depression because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred to-day.

Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria, and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news comes from Pizzo and Monteleone, and from eighteen villages, which are said to have been completely destroyed. According to the latest news received 370 persons have been killed and a great number injured. It is as yet impossible to even estimate the property losses.

People Terrified.

The shock was felt at 2:55 o'clock this morning. It lasted for eighteen seconds at Catanzaro, and soon thereafter, was felt at Messina, Reggio, Monteleone, Maritimo, Stesicof, Piscioppo, Triparani, Zammaro, Cessaniti, Naida, Olivadi and other points.

Scenes of indescribable terror ensued. Women aroused from their sleep, rushed half clothed into the streets screaming with fear, carrying their babies and dragging along their other children and calling for help on Madonna and the saints. The men escaped into the open with their families, all calling on their favorite saints for protection. The cafes were taken by assault by the strangely garbed crowd, but as daylight broke without a repetition of the earthquake, the crowd gradually melted away until by 8 o'clock the streets had almost assumed their normal appearance, except in the ruined villages where the inhabitants had no homes to go to.

Prisoners Mutinied.

The general confusion was added to by dreadful cries from the jails where the prisoners were beside themselves, with fright and in some cases, mutinied, but fortunately all were kept within bounds. Troops, engineers and doctors have been hurried to the scenes of disaster to assist in the work of rescue and salvage. The ministry of the interior sent \$1,000 for the relief of the destitute, and Minister of Public Works Ferraris left for Calabria this evening.

About Six Hundred Injured.

September 9.—The newspapers this morning give heartrending accounts of the terrible calamity caused by the earthquake. At Monteleone, houses were razed. The railway depots at Pizzo, Saurino and Enfilencia had to be evacuated, as they were considered unsafe. At Messina a severe shock was experienced, but it was slighter than that in Calabria.

The earthquake centered in Calabria, destroying over twenty-five villages, leaving thousands absolutely destitute, killing upwards of four hundred and wounding nearly six hundred.

The province of Calabria is very mountainous and given almost entirely to agriculture. The people there are very poor, but industrious. The extent of the disaster they have suffered cannot as yet be clearly stated, as many of the telegraph lines have been cut.

King Victor Emmanuel, who is sojourning at Wallambrosa, as soon as he learned of the catastrophe, sent \$50,000 for the aid of the sufferers.

The magnitude of the earthquake is even greater than was at first supposed.

Widespread Destruction.

(By Associated Press.)

CATANZARO, PROVINCE OF CALABRIA, ITALY, September 8.—A violent earthquake at 2:55 o'clock this morning caused serious loss of life and widespread destruction in Calabria. The towns of Pizzo, Monteleone, Di Calabria and Maritimo, were almost entirely destroyed. At Monteleone Di Calabria, seven persons were killed outright, and many were injured by the collapse of the prison there. The Pizzo district is said to be almost entirely destroyed.

Locally, the shocks lasted eighteen seconds. The walls of the hospital here collapsed and some of the patients were injured. The inhabitants of this city fled panic-stricken from their houses.

All the houses at Stesicof have been wrecked by the earthquake. It is feared that a hundred people are buried in the ruins.

The villages of Piscioppo and Triparani have been destroyed.

At Maritimo there were many victims, but the number is unknown. Out of a population of a little over 5,000 there are 2,200 without shelter.

Villages Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.)

MONTALEONE, DI CALABRIA, ITALY, September 8.—The villages of Bratino, Sanfio, Sancesaniti and Confolento are completely destroyed in the earthquake. The number of victims in these places exceeds fifty.

DRAG STATUE OF ITO IN STREETS

Mob Then Charged Police Boxes In Kobe. But Later Retired.

EXCITEMENT IN TOKIO DYING DOWN

Government Officers Express Regret at Attacks On Christian Churches, and Decide to Publish Peace Terms in Response to Popular Demand.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, September 7.—A. M.—Last night's disorders were not particularly serious. Thirteen cars and one railway kiosk were destroyed. Thirty persons were wounded during the clashes with the police and many others were slightly wounded by stones in the crushes of the crowds. The disturbance in the Kanda district of the city proved not to be serious. The crowd first threatened to burn the Russian cathedral, but a sergeant of the guard cleverly prevailed upon the mob to desist by telling the crowd that if the cathedral was destroyed he and the guard would commit suicide. The crowd agreed not to touch the cathedral.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, September 8.—Following an anti-peace meeting at Kobe last night, a crowd estimated at 100 went to the Minatogawa Temple, where a statue of Marquis Ito had been recently erected, attached a rope to the statue, pulled it from its pedestal and dragged it through the streets. The crowd then charged three police boxes, where there was some fighting. This was followed by much excitement and disorder. Later dispatches indicate that the situation is not serious.

The police report one rioter killed, one severely wounded and sixty arrested in the Hon Jo and Pakagawa districts since midnight.

Tokio Quiet.

At noon, the city is quiet. Complete reports from metropolitan and outlying districts indicate that there was no disorder throughout the night or early morning. The quietness of the night is ascribed to a heavy rain which scattered the crowds although the presence of military guards in having a beneficial effect. The streets in the morning had almost assumed their normal appearance, except in the ruined villages where the inhabitants had no homes to go to.

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THE COTTON SITUATION.

TARTARS SHOT IN MASSES BY TROOPS

Insurgents Not Deterred in Work of Wreckage and Looting, However.

BALAKHAN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fierce Fighting and Great Slaughter at Hospitals—Mobs Capture Guns.

(By Associated Press.)

BAKU, CAUCASIA, September 8.—Street fighting continued until late last night. The consulates, banks and government buildings are guarded by troops. Balakhan was completely burned out after the Tartars had plundered it of everything valuable. Although shot down in masses by three guns to the scene and the suspension will continue while there is danger of the destruction of cars.

The government has suspended a total of five newspapers, and it is expected that publication of others will be prevented.

Government officers and the better class of Japanese citizens are expressing regret over the attacks on Christian churches. They explain that the affair was the result of local conditions and does not indicate a serious anti-foreign or anti-Christian feeling.

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CLERKS SIGNED FOR \$2,335,000

Remarkable Transaction Revealed By Officers of New York Life Company.

LAWSON LIKELY TO TESTIFY

New York Committee May Invite Frenzied Financier to Tell What He Knows.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, September 8.—To-day's session of the Legislative Life Insurance Investigating Committee was devoted exclusively to the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company, and a searching examination was made of its officers who appeared on the stand.

Beginning with the salaries paid to the officers, which it was shown had been largely increased, the line of inquiry was extended through all the details of the company's participation in various underwriting syndicates for railroad securities, the New York Life's connection with trust companies, and finally, near the close of the day, developed the fact that it was not an unusual thing for clerks or messengers in the employ of the company, which it was shown had been largely increased, the line of inquiry was extended through all the details of the company's participation in various underwriting syndicates for railroad securities, the New York Life's connection with trust companies, and finally, near the close of the day, developed the fact that it was not an unusual thing for clerks or messengers in the employ of the company, which it was shown had been largely increased, the line of inquiry was extended through all the details of the company's participation in various underwriting 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